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Deadly Insanity!

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Automobile Searching Party Scouring Avon Woods Near Reservoir for Bodies of Missing Children



By Boston American Staff Photographer.

DISCOVER A WOMAN'S HANDKERCHIEF AND A COAT PARTLY BURNED

Police Hope Find in Woods May Prove Important Aid in Solving Mystery of Grace and Tommy Ball's Fate—Insane Mother May Recover Reason, Doctor Says.

Special to the Boston American.

BROCKTON, Dec. 12.—A partially burned cloak or coat, a paper box which had contained crackers, and a woman's handkerchief marked "B," found in the woods between Avon and the railroad tracks, near an old cemetery, east of Highland Park, have furnished City Marshal Ira Kingman with a new and, it is thought, probable clue in the mystery of little Tommy and Grace Ball, thought to have been slain by their crazed mother.

To-day the search is taking a new direction. Chief Kingman feels that the day's developments may prove very important and that the mystery surrounding the fate of the little children whom Mrs. Mary Ball had from their school a week ago last Monday may be solved at last.

Following the clue given to Miss Annie L. Ridgeway, Brockton, police matron, when Mrs. Ball said incoherently and yet with gleams of reason in her eyes: "We came to an old shed and I forced the door open; I left the children, Grace was cold and I covered her up with my coat," the police and posse have searched every hut and shed in vain.

From what Chief Kingman has already learned it is believed that the shed was a place where Mrs. Ball had been hiding, and that she had been hiding there for some time. The police are now searching for the shed, and if it is found, it is believed that the bodies of the children will be found there.

WOMAN'S MIND RETURNING.
The wandering mind of the woman now carefully monitored in the Taunton place, where she is being treated, is beginning to show signs of improvement. It is believed that she will be able to give more definite information about the children's disappearance.

BURNED CLOAK A CLUE.
The police and posse of citizens who have been searching for the children for so long are now in the woods and are looking for the shed. It is believed that the shed will be found there, and that the bodies of the children will be found there.

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THREE HURT IN FIRE.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—Three men were seriously hurt in a fire which broke out in the wholesale district early this morning and for a time threatened to do much greater damage.

FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE
Rev. John J. McElroy, of the Holy Trinity church, has been asked to give a series of lectures on "Father John's Medicine" at the Holy Trinity church, beginning on Monday next.

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FAMOUS MACEDONIAN CHIEFS ASSASSINATED

Revolutionary Leaders Slain After
Planning Revolt Against Turks

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 12.—The famous Macedonian revolutionary leaders, Boris Saraf and Gerasimov, were assassinated last night by a Macedonian, who shot them both as they were passing after a conference. Saraf was the idol of the Macedonian people. He had headed almost numberless strikes—great and small—against Turkish rule, and with every fresh outbreak of fighting in the Balkans, heaped new laurels upon his name.

He served for years as president of the Macedonian revolutionary committee and traveled over most of the civilized world in endeavor to enlist financial aid for his country in its struggle against oppression.

In Stone Kidnapping.
Of his personal history there was never any question, but some of his methods were somewhat crude for Western civilization. In a regard, however, broadly the most conventional one with which his name was linked was the kidnapping of "Miss Mary Ball," the American girl who was kidnapped by Macedonian brigands and held for ransom.

THE WEATHER.
Fair and somewhat colder to-night. Friday fair and continued cold. Light westerly winds.
Sun rises, 7:04; sun sets, 4:12.
High tide, 4:56 a. m.; 5:22 p. m.

SEARCH VAIN FOR BABE OF 8 KIDNAPPED
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Chicago is today beginning to realize the dark mystery that has been the kidnapping of Lillian Woff, eight years old, who was taken from her home last Saturday. After a week's fruitless search, the police are now convinced that the child is still in the city. A reward of \$100 has been offered by the authorities. The child was playing in the street when she was kidnapped.

Remarkable Operation by Surgeons SAVES DRISCOLL'S LIFE

Wonderful Skill in Removing
Bullet from Labor Leader's
Skull Hastens Recovery.

Wonderful reports came from the Massachusetts General Hospital today concerning the condition of Dennis B. Driscoll, the labor leader who was shot to the executive office of the State House by the master bullet.

The hospital physicians say that Mr. Driscoll's recovery is certain and they hope that within a short time he will be able to go to his home.

HUBBARD NAMES WHITE AS SECRETARY
OPERATION PERFORMED ON MRS. LONGWORTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Surgeon General Riker of the Navy announced at 11:25 a. m. that the operation on Mrs. Nicholas Longworth for appendicitis, performed by Dr. Finney of Baltimore today, has been perfectly successful. He said her condition was satisfactory.

NASSAU FOR CITY PLANTS
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Nassau, the chief city of the Bahamas Islands, is to try one of the most beautiful and most interesting of the city's plants.

REMARKABLE MURDERESS TO BE GUILLOTINED

STORY OF AMAZING TRAGEDY IN THE BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN

ROOSEVELT ENDS TALK OF SECOND TERM

Positive Reiteration of President of Declaration Not to Run Again.
SURPRISE TO WASHINGTON

"On the night after election I made the following announcement: 'I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years consecutive my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination.'"

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced."—Statement by President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt's statement positively taking himself out of consideration as a candidate for a third term was issued from the White House at 10 o'clock last night.

Public men were widely scattered, but AMERICAN reporters gathered the following expressions of opinion:

Secretary Catherin said he would make no comment on the President's announcement. He would say only that the announcement would be a relief to the country.

Senator Sherman of Massachusetts said: "I have always credited the President with being honest in his assertions that he would not be a candidate again. It is now a case of the best man to win in the best way. Now that is saying two words."

Now that the declaration has been made, it is a relief to the country. The President's own words did not give a decision which is the best man to win.

Senator Sherman of New York-1 regretted that the President will not run again, although, I have known for some time that he would not. It is a relief to the country.

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The meeting man left New Britain last night. The books of the bank indicated a shortage on his part of many thousands of dollars.

DUMA LEADER TO LECTURE.
WORCESTER, Dec. 12.—Dr. M. B. Bickel, a member of the French parliament, will lecture to the French people of Worcester, Friday evening on the problems of their race and their solutions.

YOUR HEALTH
IS AT STAKE
When you go on day after day, entirely ignoring Nature's call for assistance, you are taking a sure and certain step toward the loss of your health and the loss of your life.

Hostetter's
Stomach
Bitters

has been the
best of preventing
dyspepsia, indigestion,
constipation, biliousness,
headaches, neuralgias,
chills and colds,
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UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE TO-DAY

Mrs. Alice Longworth, daughter of President, as she looked in Boston two weeks ago.



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KAISER IS BETTER.
STARTS FOR HOME.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—Emperor William of Prussia is better. He is expected to start for home in a few days.

WORCESTER LIBRARY
GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE.
The Worcester library has been given to the people. It is now open to all.

Only Friday and Saturday left—Price Reduction on Teas that are Sold at Half Prices Regularly

Great Tea Sale

Your choice of Farmhouse Oolong, English Breakfast or Mixed Good Teas Elsewhere 2 Pounds Here for 60c

GOLDEN ROSE TEA—THE FINEST GROWN—2 lbs. 60c, lb. 30c

Golden Pekoe Ceylon, Golden Tipped, 3 lbs. 90c, 1 lb. 30c

No. 2 Teas, all kinds, lb. 25c (No. 3 Teas, lb. 20c)

Sugar—Best granulated, 5-lb. cloth bag, 25c

Shredded Wheat—13c value, ever popular, 10c

Soap—Fancy toilet soap, 10c value, 8c

Tomatoes—"Scarlet Globe," 10c value, 8c

Corn—Tender and creamy, 10c value, 8c

Peas—Tender and mellow, 10c value, 8c

DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE

Mrs. Alice Longworth in Surgeon's Hands at White House To-day.

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Corn Meal—Yellow granulated, new corn, 5 lbs. 10c

Sardines—Smoked Norwegian, pure olive oil, 10c

Wash Powder—"Swift's," 10c value, 8c

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

THE ONE IDEA that now fills the mind everywhere is Christmas. This idea prevails strongly in the following bulletin. Out of 17 articles mentioned below, ninety are strictly

FROM 9 TILL 12 FROM 2 TILL 5

Friday Three-Hour Sales

Shop Without... 1.88

Music Cabinets... 1.88

Sets Pillows... 1.88

Boys' Reelers... 1.88

Pin Cushions... 1.88

Chocolate Sets... 1.88

Bath Room Sets... 1.88

Sewing Machines... 1.88

Sugars and Creams... 1.88

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... AS THE ...
Christmas
Store
OF NEW ENGLAND

**Glove
Certificates**

At the Glove Section To avoid
mistake or dissatisfaction give your
friends glove certificates instead
of the gloves themselves, en-
abling them to make their own
selections.

then carry three-fourths of the Christmas—and give the early holidays

100

For Any Article in This Column

75c.	\$1.25
Woolen and cotton patterns in pieces	Mocha GLOVES, pr. \$1. Women's half-price Mocha gloves, the good gray ones.
PIECES	\$1.75
	TOILET SETS, \$1.00. Three pieces in box, comb, brush and mirror.
	\$1.50
	PERFUME Bottle, \$1.00

82 **ATOMIZER, \$1.00.**
 Cut glass with nickel top.
 82 **Neal Papillion BAGS, \$1.**
 Gilt and pin metal frames, stitch
 strap handles, more lined and flk
 at 75c.
 82 **French Lawn WAISTS, \$1.**
 French lawn, with entire front
 Applique embroidery and pin tuckin
 tucked back, 4 sleeve, tucked collar

\$2.50 **WALT PATTERNS**—at \$1.00.
Non-Sliristkable Scotch Flannel, And
some a-cupphr glinghams, mercedered
plains, silk cords, notedies, tolo
silk, and
\$1.50 **DRESSING SACQUES**, \$
Women's secured german Sannela, s
lashed throughout with button-hole stit
ed edging.

COVERS, PR-
for women:
for T5c.
all width and
styles, square
and fancy

cloths, good patterns, hemmed, ready for use, size 8-9.

\$1.50 HANDY HOSE at \$1.
Extra quality cashmere, full fashioned.

\$1.50 HANDY PURSES at \$1.
German silver front, pink and blue moiré lining.

\$2 CARVING SETS at \$1.
Famous star handles, fine steel blades, each set in a metal box.

\$2 MEAT CHOPPERS at \$1.
All size, 12 inch, 14 inch, 16 inch, 18 inch, all steel and wood, blade vegetable.

and fruit into clean-cut, uniform pieces.
It does away with the old-fashioned chopping bowl and knife. Five different sizes come with each charger.

\$2 Wastepaper BASKETS at \$1.
Pretty basketry effects, many different sizes for different uses.

\$1.50 Folding TABLES at \$1.
Lightly ornate, highly polished folding sewing tables.

\$2.50 Wool SWEATERS at \$1.

shirts and
 All wool garments, V necks, all sizes
\$1.50 SUSPENDERS at \$1.
 Fancy silks, stirring silver buckles.
\$1.50 PAJAMAS at \$1.
 Fine madras and flannels.
\$1.50 Cuff and Scarf Sets at \$1.
 Japanese jade, smelter, etc.
\$1.25 SUSPENDER SETS at 75c
 Suspenders, garters and arm bands

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ancy designs.
8, pr., \$1.
flexible turn

#2 SHAVING MIRRORS at \$1
in nickel frame, good glass, handle
fold up.
#1 SMOKING SETS at 30c.
Coppered tray, match stand and cigarette
holder.
#1 \$30 and #2 SHIRTS at \$1.
Hawaiian shirt. Really the \$1.50 and
\$2.00 styles.

ates 75c.	\$1.30 MUFFLERS at \$1.
ates. Peck	Large size silk Mufflers, silk lined
	Each one in neat gift box.
E 75c.	\$1.75 MANICURE SETS, \$1.00
brush, hair	Good quality steel, different colors.
	\$1.50 FANS for \$1.00.
s at 75c.	Prettily studded with spangles. Small
size 16x20	sizes.
Sets 75c	\$1.75 Fancy Coat HANGERS, \$

\$4.75c.
 filled, large
 \$1.00.
 \$1.50 Novelty Pin Cushions, \$
 Large size, beautifully ornamented
 with lace ruffings.
 \$1.50 KNEE PANTS at 75c.
 All wool or corduroy materials. Knicker
 or Straight style.

**Sale of
LEMONS**
The great annual Christmas
sale begins Friday. 350
boxes fancy Messina Lem-

ons. Sold everywhere at
30c a dozen. While they
last,
at, **15c**
doz.

Heavy Siegel Co., Fifth Floor.

LEMON CLING PEACHES —Miford brand, all extra standard, California fruit.	OLEO-MARGARINE —Buttercup brand. At-mos's high grade, fresh, creamed.	SOAP — Swift's celebrated Wool, a pure white floating soap, good for the toilet, bath.
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 OFFICE. THE GLOUGH CO. 62-64 Allen st.
 OLD FEATHER BEDS bought, we pay for
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 CANE FEATHER CO. 179 W. 3rd St., Boston.

LEAGUE BOOM IN WORCESTER

WORCESTER, Dec. 12.—Independence Leaguers are flocking to the League headquarters, Room 12, No. 5 Pleasant street, and the enrollment figures are gradually piling up.

On election day more than fifty joined and many of the men expressed regret

William J. Croable, leader of the Independence League here, has issued a call for all leaguers to meet in the League headquarters next Sunday to discuss the ward caucuses to be held December 17. A prominent Independence Leaguer from Boston will address the Leaguers and arrangements for his coming to Worcester are now in progress.

Shepard Norwell Company

Winter Street Temple Place Tremont Street

The Advantage of Early Morning Trading

ONLY ELEVEN DAYS REMAIN for Christmas shopping. Let us impress upon your minds the importance of early morning visits to our store. The stocks are complete, fresh and of general interest to persons who are in doubt as to the appropriate gift. Every night the various departments are thoroughly replenished with brand new merchandise, and the selections are easily made without crowding. As we are not in the habit of keeping our store open evenings, we are enabled to plan and arrange much more satisfactory displays for early morning customers, and then, too, our salespeople are not all tired out, having had their usual evening's rest.

Men's Furnishing Goods **Priced Unusually Low**

Special holiday boxes for Suspenders, Arm Elastics and Hose Supporters are furnished with purchases in our Men's Furnishing Goods department. This section of our store is well equipped with useful gifts for the sterner sex, and

MEN'S FANCY SUSPENDERS, large variety of attractive patterns, each pair in Xmas box. Prices from.....**50¢ to 2.00**

MEN'S FANCY ACRYL ELASTICS, choice assortment, each pair put in in neat box. Two grades, each.....	25¢	50¢	FLEECEDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, reduced to.....	89¢
MEN'S HOLIDAY NECKWEAR, light and dark colors, fancy box for each piece. Special price, each.....	25¢		FLEECEDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, reduced to.....	1.50
MEN'S HIGH CLASS NECKWEAR, extensive collection of new fashionable styles. Price 22¢ each (suggested retail \$2.00) each.....	25¢		FLEECEDOWN KIMONOS (long), reduced to.....	1.50
			FLEECEDOWN KIMONOS (long), reduced to.....	1.98
			FLEECEDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, reduced to.....	79¢

and attractive pajamas, knee length, from 50c to 2.00 MEN'S FANCY CASHMERE HOSE, in neat figures and clocks. Excellent value at, per pair..... 50c MEN'S BLACK SILK LISLE HOSE, fine wearing goods, regular 50c value. Special price this week, per pair..... 37½c	EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, reduced to..... 1.50 EIDERDOWN BATH ROBES, reduced to..... 2.95 EIDERDOWN BATH ROBES, reduced to..... 3.50 BLANKET BATH ROBES, reduced to..... 4.50 BLANKET BATH ROBES, reduced to..... 5.00
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MEN'S BATH ROBES AND HOUSE COATS, new goods received last week, large assortment; Bath Robes made of German flannel, part wool and all wool; House Coats made of double-face cloth and broadcloth. Prices.....**5.00 to 11.00**

CREPE KIMONOS (long), reduced to.....**85c**
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL—Large assortment of Fleece-down Dressing Sackes, each one in neat Xmas box. Your choice.....**1.50**

Our Plan of Issuing Glove Certificates

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS may purchase Glove Certificates at the Glove department, and in case the recipient does not wish to procure a pair of Gloves, he or she may utilize the Certificate as cash for merchandise in any other section of our store, the same being honored for its face value. It frequently happens that persons receive more Gloves than they need, and this

arrangement will be a welcome innovation, especially to those preferring Corsets, Hosiery, Leather Goods, Belts, Feather Boas, Neckwear, Umbrellas, Jewelry, Toilet Goods, Art Embroidery or any other of the hundred and one desirable articles to be found in our extensive holiday stocks.

Assorted Small Wares

There are many useful gifts to be found in this popular department. Visitors to our store should linger a few minutes at the Small Wares section, especially if in doubt as to Christmas presents for any member of the family. Many

Dolls in all sizes up to full life size. Dressed Dolls, Kid Body Dolls, Jointed Dolls, Worsted Dolls, Natural Face Washable Rag Dolls, Celluloid Dolls—in fact, all the wanted styles in Dolls. From 25c. to \$3.50 each.

SEE THIS ONE—Handwerk's best Jointed Doll, 22 inches high, sleeping eyes, long curly hair, bisque baby face, has shoes and stockings. Remarkable value, at each **1.00**

DRESSED DOLLS—50 distinctive styles, in assorted colors of imported *stucco*, all new patterns for this Christmas. Largest and best

IMPORTED WORK BOXES, 15 styles to select from, containing scissors, thimbles, cotton, spool silk and other useful articles imported to retail at 75c and \$1.00 each. Our price, this week, each..... **50c and 75c**

COMB SETS, back and side, 10 styles of plain and fancy, worth \$1.50 per set. Special price, per set**1.00**

Toilet Goods That Are Sure to Please the Women
This popular department contains an extensive assortment of useful articles that will please the women folks. Here

you may secure all the leading imported Perfumes, Sachets, Toilet Waters, etc., with attractive Xmas boxes, as well, as fine domestic productions in Brush and Comb Sets, Mirrors, Puff Boxes, Lotions, Powders, Soaps, etc. Four specials for this week:

Silver Plated, also China, Hair Brush, Comb and Hand Mirror, in neat box, worth \$2.00. Special, per set.....	1.50	Fancy Metal Top Glass Puff Boxes, or Hair Receivers, very strong and useful, worth 25c each. Special price, each.....	15c
German Silver Toilet Sets, 6 styles, hair brush, comb and mirror, in a		Black Wood Manicure Sets, sterling silver trimmed, 5 pieces in each	

beautiful lined box, \$7.50 value. Special, per set.....	5.00	set, in handsome box. Special price, per set.....	1.00
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Beatrice Fairfax Says It Is the Innocent Child Who Suffers Through

By William F. Kirk

A black and white illustration of a young man with dark, wavy hair, sitting in a chair. He has a distressed expression, with his mouth open and his right hand pressed against his face. He is wearing a dark, high-collared shirt. In the background, to the left, is a desk with a framed portrait of a woman and a small clock. The scene is rendered with heavy, expressive line work, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere.

DAILY PUZZLE PICTURE

Plays and Players

the beautiful life is gone, and that
 have disagreeable thoughts have come
 take its place. And I seem sure that I
 should sell. And that, dear, is what

SHOO-AM HEINE

YOU FIND ME SOON, SOON!

RED TRAIN

4

What Play Is This?

ANSWER:

THE GREAT ESCAPE

There was a long silence. Three wretched sigh the child spoke again.

"It would be nice," he said, "if you and my father could have kept on loving each other, so that I could have had you be a fellow witness to love both his father and mother to talk to."

"You see, mother, you are the best son in the world to love, but a father tell a fellow a lot of things."

Innocent Victim

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THE BALANCE" *By*
Brand Whitlock

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Brand Whitlock

Washing Blankets
If you wish to wash a good woollen blanket and keep it soft, prepare the water in a large tub with boiled soap and a little ammonia. Only a little latheriness is necessary. Then wash the blanket in a block which will be of immense help. Take a large, new cedar block and bore a number of holes about 1/2 inch in diameter through it. In the centre one drive the handle of an old broomstick, and stir frequently. See that the rinsing water is warm and has a little soap in it. Then wash the blanket in the block until the blanket gets chilled. After being washed perfectly clean, and all the water possible squeezed out, hang it in the sun where the air is warm until it is thoroughly dry.

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BEST BARGAINS BIG STORES

cial lot of envelope bags, containing all
white cambric initial handkerchiefs, at 5
cents. The bags, which may be used as
purses, are also in the lot.

HENRY MIEGEL CO. WILL
make some reductions in cal-
drew's, dressers for to-querris
galatas and cashmere dressers. In
plain colors or stripes, will be
reduced from \$1.58 to \$1.25.

They come in French or Russian
style, in sizes from two to 40
years, and are trimmed with
contrasting color collars.

REUGITON & DUTTON CO.

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off in the underwear department. Embroidered, long-sleeved, button-down shirts are full of color and style. They're made with unbleached flounce, in pretty stripes or solid colors, for \$11.10 each—reduced from \$15.40. Each shirt is packed with these petitions in packed in a pretty little box.

CONRAD'S WILL PUT ON special sale to-morrow a pair of men's slacks, made of 100% cotton, for 98 cents each. These skirts are made of 100% cotton, with a wide waistband, trimmed with two rows of ruffles and a wide waistband. Each pair is packed in a pretty little box.

LAMAR'S HAMP TON CO. will put out for one day's sale solid-colored, long-sleeved, button-down shirts, made of 100% cotton, for 98 cents each. These shirts are made of 100% cotton, with a wide waistband, trimmed with two rows of ruffles and a wide waistband. Each pair is packed in a pretty little box.

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There Are Many Kinds of Good Women

Luckily for This World, Which
Would Be Badly Off Without
Them

In the last column of this page Dorothy Dix discusses the question, "What is a good woman?" You will probably have read her article before you read this—if you do read this.

The question which Dorothy Dix asks will bring forth many interesting opinions, and we shall print them. We shall print also the opinions of our experts—notably Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who yesterday, dressed all in beautiful purple, promised to write an article on the subject at once.

Of course, Dorothy Dix, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Beatrice Fairfax, the Rev. Dr. Gregory, our other specialists and our readers will deal with the question from many points of view, and thoroughly.

We confine ourselves to pointing out the fact, fortunate for humanity, that there are in the world as many different kinds of "good women" as there are different kinds of good and beautiful flowers. Here are a few of the kinds:

We see a woman—poor, thin in body, face worried, nervous hands twisted and grimy with hard work—slaving her life out in a wretched, small, poor home, doing her best to make it bearable. She works ALL DAY LONG, and every day in every year. She creates the children in that home, suffers in creating them, she cares for them, goes without sleep, denies herself, endures an inefficient husband and a cheerless life.

That is a good woman. And to that kind of a good woman the world owes more than to all other kinds put together. That is the kind of woman that gave Lincoln to this country. That is the kind of woman taking care of a big majority of all the children in this country. Out of ten men destined to do good work for the nation in the future, nine have mothers like that, or very much like that.

We see another woman, more fortunate in the material sense. She has leisure, money, time at her disposal. She uses her time developing her mind and in imparting to others the benefit of her knowledge. She sets a good example before other women and before the world. She realizes the responsibility of wealth and prosperity. She brings up her children free from conceit, fills them with gratitude for the blessings which they possess without earning them, with respect for the rights of others less fortunate and with deep sympathy for them.

Such a woman realizes the duty of happiness and of comfort, and she is the centre of good influences, softening the bitter resentment that fills the hearts of the poor too often and rebuking the stupid arrogance, the vulgar ostentation, the shameless, heartless selfishness of other women of wealth.

Such a woman, doing her duty, free from vanity, IS A GOOD WOMAN.

We see a woman getting old in years—an old maid, perhaps, as the world calls her—one whose life has had tragedy or bitter disappointment, and who has not been made bitter by her own misfortune.

She likes to help young girls in their pleasures and in their plans. She delights in their romances. She feels not bitter envy, but genuine pleasure when she sees others enjoying the happiness that has been denied to her. There is nothing acid, bitter, satirical or warped about her. Her heart at the beginning was too good ever to be spoiled. That heart knows its own disappointments, but keeps the knowledge to itself. Her life is led in the honest effort to make others happier than she has been.

That is a good woman.

The good women of this country are as thick as the leaves on the trees in spring. You will find an earnest, conscientious woman working every day in the far-off country schoolhouse, plodding through the snow, sympathizing with the red-faced, frost-bitten little children that arrive crying, patiently coaxing knowledge into dull little minds.

You will find another good woman on the lonely farm whence the little school child comes. Her life is monotonous. She stands the monotony. The men that work on that land get up early. SHE gets up earlier to cook for them. They rest when it is dark. While they are resting, she is washing their dishes. She cannot possibly get more than a mere existence of struggle, out of all her efforts—nothing else stretches ahead of her. She works and works until the end. And thanks to her efforts, the farmers are able to feed the millions in the cities. That is a good woman.

Thousands of incompetent men, second rate, third rate, tenth rate, get along somehow. There is somebody to encourage them, somebody to listen to their complaints, somebody to pretend that they are really worth while—there are a million women patiently helping, stimulating, tenth rate men. These are good women. They have picked out a failure, and they are faithful to the failure. They do the best they can with him, and they save the next generation by giving to the children qualities that he lacks. They are good women.

There are thousands of women employed by business men—too many of them underpaid, too many of them treated with too little consideration. These women, as every business man knows, excel in faithfulness, in discretion, in reliability. Their prospects are not bright—the general plan of civilization is to give to them as little as will keep them alive. They do their work regularly, conscientiously, and they are good women.

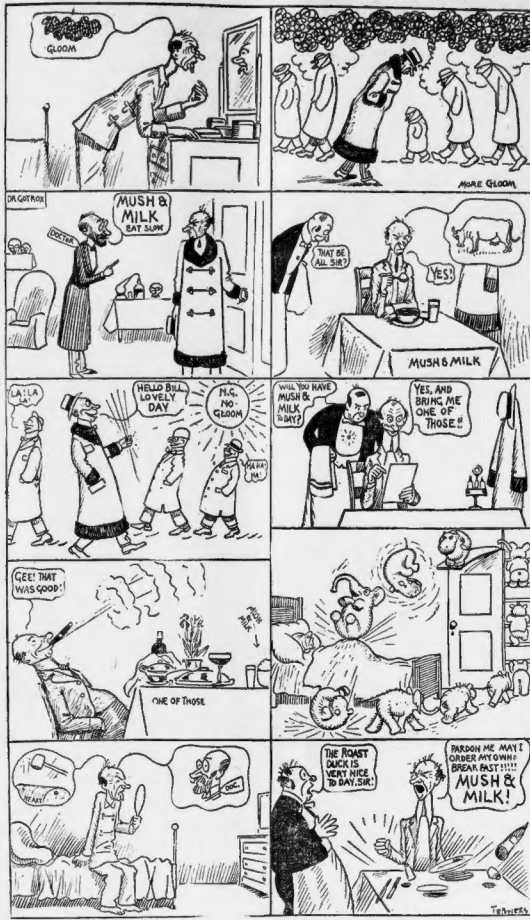
It is easy to answer the question, What is a good woman? It would not be so easy to answer the other question, What is a bad woman? But, fortunately, the bad women are few. And behind the bad woman, and responsible for her, you will find from one to a dozen bad men.

What is a good woman? She is the salvation of this earth, the hope of the earth. Let us hope that in the centuries to come she will get a little more of the comfort and honor and appreciation of the earth than she gets to-day.

SUCH IS LIFE

By T. E. Powers

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WHEN YOUR DIGESTION GOES WRONG

What Is a Good Woman?

By Dorothy Dix

WHAT is a good woman? What book, "has done those things which should not have been done, and left undone those things which she should have done," but whose heart is big enough to take in the whole world, whose hand is as open as the day, and whose sympathy and compassion is an inexhaustible fountain that never fails.

Between what is known as a "good woman" and a "bad woman" society has made a chain that is almost as deep and wide, and dark and unbreakable as death itself, yet, after all, what is a good woman?

The conventional definition of a good woman is one who is prim, particular and pure. When the majority of people think of a good woman, they mean a woman who goes to church three times a Sunday, reads the Bible three times a day, keeps her house clean, her children's stockings darned at the knees, never sits at any man except her husband and wears a black silk dress that isn't quite up to date.

Unfortunately, such a woman is admirable in many respects, if she isn't the backbone of the country, she is a considerable number of the verities, but almost without exception such a woman is narrow, and selfish, and bigoted to the last degree.

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IT HAPPENED IN BIRDLAND

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RHYMO THE MONK WHAT'S SHOPPING

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The Colored Gentleman's Answer

It Is Also Our Answer

Once a colored gentleman of good, average character disturbed his clergyman and friends by saying that he did not believe in hell. He was cross-examined and rebuked, but would not change his mind, simply repeating over and over:

"No, I don't believe in hell, I don't believe there's any such place, and I don't believe it because I DON'T THINK NO CONSTITUTION COULD STAND IT."

That is how we feel about the third term for Mr. Roosevelt. We don't believe in it, frankly, because we don't think any constitution could stand it.